



**ARIZONA PARENTS COMMISSION ON DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2010**

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention was convened on July 14, 2010 at The Arizona State Capital, Executive Tower, First Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Parents Commission:

<b>Members Present</b>
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Barbara Broderick, Chair, Maricopa County Adult Probation  
Susan Chan, Kingman Academy of Learning  
Viet Do, DO, Banner Arizona Medical Clinic  
Karen Hellman, Arizona Department of Corrections  
Irma Hollamby, Maricopa County Public Works  
Michelle Neitch, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission  
Terri Simonetta  
Sergeant Tim Reese, Tucson Police Department

<b>Staff/Guests Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
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Kristen Lannes, Governor's Office  
Ashley Miles, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Sonya Pierce-Johnson, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Tammy Paz-Combs, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Amanda Scott-Thomas, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Mellisa Vankoski, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission  
Veronica Ventrini, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Emily Winans, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families  
Jeffery Whitlock, Governor's Office

Allison Huff, University of Arizona

**AGENDA ITEM**

**A. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Broderick called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**B. Welcome, Introductions**

Chairwoman Broderick welcomed attendees.

**C. Review of Packet and Agenda**

Chairwoman Broderick reviewed the packet and agenda.

#### **D. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the meeting held May 12, 2010 were reviewed. Commissioner Hollamby made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hellman and approved by all. (10.05.01).

#### **E. Program/Contract Update**

Ms. Winans reported that seventy-five people from a variety of organizations will be attending the Institute because of Parent s Commission sponsorship.

Ms. Winans updated Commissioners on the response that was sent from the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families regarding the letter addressed to Commissioners from the MATForce Executive Committee.

Ms. Winans commented that quarterly reports are due from the 16 new subgrantees on July 15<sup>th</sup> and that she is collecting data to be reported to the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting.

#### **F. Sponsorship Workgroup Update**

Chairwoman Broderick reported that the Sponsorship Workgroup met to review five applications, four of which were funded. The conferences and events funded were the 2010 Statewide Symposium to Support Military Families hosted by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, the Southwestern School for Behavioral Health Studies (SWS) hosted by EMPACT – Suicide Prevention Center, the Fountain Hills Symposium on Underage Drinking hosted by the Fountain Hills Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, and the 2010 Cope Coalition Alcohol-Free Quinceañera hosted by Terros.

#### **G. Arizona Department of Corrections Proposal**

Chairwoman Broderick asked the group to review the response to questions submitted by the Department of Corrections (DOC). Commissioners expressed that their questions had be satisfactorily answered by DOC. Commissioner Neitch motioned to fund the Parent and Child Reading Program proposed by the Department of Corrections for \$109,746. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hellman and approved by all. (10.05.02).

#### **H. Parents Commission Logo**

Ms. Winans asked the group for feedback on creating a Parents Commission logo saying it would be an opportunity to increase awareness around the Parents Commission. Commissioners suggested that a logo be selected through a competition among youth.

#### **I. Justice Involved Youth with Children**

Christy Alonzo and Sonya Pierce-Johnson introduced the Justice Involved Youth with Children Program. Project HOPE is being implemented in Maricopa and Pinal County. There are different educational opportunities for youth who become involved with the justice system and who have children or are pregnant.

#### **J. Governor's Youth Commission**

Amanda Scott Thomas provided an overview of the Governor's Youth Commission. She stated that this year the committee is going to focus their efforts on achievable goals. She highlighted the Governor's Youth Commission activities noting Youth Leadership day which had a large attendance also noting the separation of the Juvenile Justice and Substance Abuse Policy into two separate committees.

#### **K. Children of Incarcerated Parents**

Veronica Venturini provided an overview of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative. Stakeholders from the South Mountain Community will be gathering in September to develop a coordinated system of services for Children of Incarcerated Parents.

#### **L. Future Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Winans proposed the September 16th meeting be held in Flagstaff and the November 10th meeting be held in Tucson. The group approved these dates and locations.

**M. Adjournment**

Chairwoman Broderick adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.